

The security situation in Syria remains volatile and unpredictable throughout the country. No part of Syria should be considered immune from violence. The Free Syrian Army (FSA) insurgent group warns air carriers against providing service to Syria. In September 2012, the FSA warned air carriers not to fly to Damascus or Aleppo. On 7 December 2012, the FSA once again warned air carriers not to fly to Damascus International Airport, because the FSA considers the airport a "legitimate target." Opposition forces are attempting to cut-off resupply efforts to the Syrian government. During late November, opposition elements reportedly fired mortars at the runways at Damascus International Airport. The fighting near the airport in the capital prompted foreign air carriers to cancel service. In addition, recent videos released on the Internet by Syrian opposition elements demonstrate successful engagements of Syrian military aircraft by both Man Portable Air Defense Systems (MANPADS) and anti-aircraft artillery, which has significantly increased the threat to low flying aircraft. While the warning from the FSA specifies Damascus International Airport, fighting is widespread throughout the country, and aircraft have been shot down in areas outside of the capital. U.S. operators who are currently operating, or intend to operate into, out of, or over Syria must provide advance notice to the FAA at aeo-citewatch@faa.gov with specific flight details. Additionally, U.S. operators must report security incidents to the FAA at +1 202-493-5833 or +1 202-267-3333.